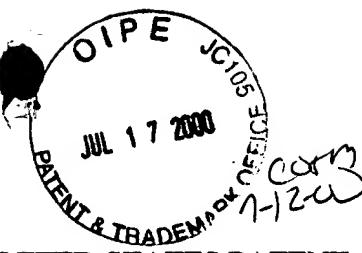


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

Please consider this response to the pending Office Action mailed June 16, 2000.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel without prejudice claims 37-45.

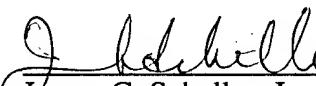
REMARKS

The pending Office Action restricted the pending claims into two groups (I and II) and required an election of one of the groups.

By this response, Applicant has elected Group I and has canceled without prejudice the claims in Group II.

Respectfully submitted,
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